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Monday, 26th March, 1979

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On the ball with the Manager

Welcome to tonight's visitors Arsenal, who come to Burnden only a few days before taking on Wolves in the FA Cup semi-finals on Saturday.

They had a real tussle in the sixth round against Southampton, who were, by coincidence our visitors on Saturday, needing a replay before getting through 2-0 at Highbury.

Writing this column before the Southampton game, it is obvious how important these two home matches are to us after our defeat at Derby County last midweek.

We need all the points we can get at home - and our record at Burnden Park has been quite good.

I am still hoping to strengthen our squad and we were expecting that Des McBain would fly to Poland last week to finalise the signing of international striker Tadeusz Nowak.

Front page picture

Action from the Wanderers 2-2 draw at Coventry.

Pic. by Harry McGuire.

Des and I had been to Poland and established that the player wanted to join Bolton Wanderers.

We did a lot of talking with the Polish authorities and were expecting to hear from them.

But at the time of writing we hadn't, so the trip by Des, which looked as if it would be a formality, had to be postponed.

Time is running out on signings with the transfer deadline on Thursday, but all sorts of things tend to happen in the run-up to the important day.

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out
and
retain



Match
16
Voucher

Welcome to . . .

Though they have been without former England centre-forward Malcolm Macdonald for almost the entire season, Arsenal have won acclaim as one of the best attacking sides in the country. Macdonald wisely decided not to rush his come-back and, in his absence, Alan Sunderland has switched from midfield to become an ideal partner for Frank Stapleton in attack.

Both have been scoring regularly. Stapleton, a Republic of Ireland international, is now one of the country's leading scorers, with 22 goals before the weekend. Sunderland, who has not traditionally been a high-scorer, has revelled in his new role and has weighed in with 14 goals.

Arsenal's tactical formation is very fluid and could probably be best described as 4-4-2 but, with Liam Brady and Graham Rix ever ready to attack so lethally down the flanks, some prefer to call it 4-2-4.

Brady, voted by his fellow professionals last week as their Footballer of the Year, has also been prominent as a goalscorer. He had scored 16 times prior to the weekend.

Brian Talbot, signed from Ipswich this season for an Arsenal club record £450,000 fee, and David Price are normally the other two midfield players.

The defence at full strength lines up with Pat Rice, David O'-

Leary, Willie Young and Sammy Nelson in the back four with Pat Jennings, of course, in goal.

Manager Terry Neill has several promising reserve players whom he can call upon in an emergency. Steve Walford has performed both in defence and midfield this season. Mark Heeley has turned out in midfield and attack while Steve Gattin has played many games in midfield.

Until mid-February Arsenal were still in with a good chance of pipping Liverpool for the League Championship. In 26 League games, they had been beaten only four times — at Everton (0—1), Nottingham Forest (1—2), Wolves (0—1) and at home to West Bromwich (1—2).

Apart from their slip at Wolves, the Gunners had been beaten only by the top teams. But, when they lost again to Wolves at Highbury — again by 0—1 — at the end of February, serious doubts were cast against their ability to take the title.

Defeat the following week at Southampton (0—2) and another at Ipswich (0—2) effectively killed their hopes, leaving them only the F.A. Cup to aim for.

In spite of a shaky start, when they took five games to dispose of Third Division Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenal progressed steadily in the Cup. They defeated Notts. County 2—0 at Highbury and then pulled off their finest perfor-

ARSENAL



Back Row, left to right: Fred Street (Physiotherapist/Trainer), Don Howe (Coach), John Devine, Sammy Nelson, Pat Jennings, Paul Barron, Willie Young, Frank Stapleton, David O'Leary, Terry Neill (Manager), Wilf Dixon (Asst. Manager). Front Row: Liam Brady, Richie Powling, Malcolm MacDonald, Alan Sunderland, Pat Rice, Stephen Walford, David Price, John Matthews, Graham Rix.

mance of the season in winning 1—0 at Nottingham Forest in the fifth round.

Arsenal absorbed tremendous pressure in that game and then snatched a late goal, through Frank Stapleton, to clinch a fine victory.

In the sixth round they took on Southampton at The Dell, two days after the Saints had been beaten in the League Cup final, and though conceding the first

goal, fought back to equalise through David Price. They were replaying at Highbury last Wednesday.

The Gunners took a very early exit in the League Cup when they were amazingly beaten 1—3 at Rotherham.

In the UEFA Cup they ousted Lokomotive Leipzig (7—1 on aggregate) and Hajduk Split (on away goals) before succumbing to Red Star Belgrade.

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PAT JENNINGS (Goalkeeper). Signed for Arsenal from Tottenham in time for the start of last season and had a remarkable first season for Arsenal playing in 55 League and Cup games. One of the world's top-class and most experienced goalkeepers at all levels, especially International with Northern Ireland.

PAT RICE (Back Four). Pat is now one of the most experienced defenders in the First Division and has played in more than 418 League and Cup games for Arsenal as well as winning over 40 caps for Northern Ireland. He began his career at Highbury as an apprentice in 1964 and was a prominent member of the Double team.

SAMMY NELSON (Back Four). Like Pat Rice, Sammy is a Northern Ireland International for whom he has won over 30 caps. His opportunities at Highbury were once limited, having signed for Arsenal as far back as 1966, but finally established himself as a top-class defender.

DAVID PRICE (Midfield). David joined Arsenal as an apprentice in July 1970. At school he had represented England and London at County-level Schoolboys. Also gained England Youth team caps. Has been hampered a good deal in his career by injury but came good last season as an 'Arsenal' regular.

DAVID O'LEARY (Back Four). Joined Arsenal as an apprentice professional on 14th June, 1973 and became a full-time professional on 10th July, 1975. Had a remarkable first season for one so young and played in 30 League and Cup games before injury kept him out, at the age of 17.

WILLIE YOUNG (Back Four). Willie joined Arsenal from Tottenham in the second half of the 1976-77 season and by the end had played 14 games in the Football League. Signed for Spurs from Aberdeen and is a Scottish international.

ALAN SUNDERLAND (Midfield). Signed for Arsenal from Wolverhampton Wanderers last season, having played for Wolves in the League Cup, so was Cup-tied in that competition. Despite serious injury still played in 28 League and Cup games including the Cup Final.

LIAM BRADY (Midfield). Dublin-born Liam Brady joined Arsenal as an apprentice, and now commences his fifth season as a full professional. Has already shown outstanding skills. Is an experienced Eire International.

FRANK STAPLETON (Striker). Born in Dublin and an Eire Schoolboy and Youth International, Frank came to Arsenal as an apprentice in June 1972 and became a professional in October 1973. Is now an established player and International.

GRAHAM RIX (Midfield). Born in Doncaster, Graham played for Doncaster and Yorkshire Boys before signing as an apprentice for Arsenal in June 1974 and as a professional in 1975. Created a great first impression two seasons ago on League debut, which he has confirmed since.

RICHIE POWLING (Back Four). Former Essex and London Schoolboy who came to Arsenal as an apprentice at the beginning of the 1971-72 season. Has won England Youth honours. Missed practically the whole of last season because of injury.

JOHN MATTHEWS (Back Four). An Islington Schoolboy, John joined Arsenal as an apprentice on leaving school in July 1971. Signed as a professional in August 1973.

STEVE WALFORD (Midfield). Signed for Arsenal from Tottenham early last season and played 25 games for the Combination team. Before the season ended made two League appearances, having played three times as substitute.

JOHN DEVINE (Defender). Dublin born, signed apprentice forms for Arsenal in November, 1974, and as a professional on 11th October, 1976. An Eire Youth International, made his League debut last season.

MARK HEELEY (Midfield). Signed for Arsenal from Peterborough last season and played 31 games for the Combination side, scoring 11 goals. Made his League debut and played in three games having played one as substitute.

PAUL BARRON (Goalkeeper). Paul is a 6ft. 2in. goalkeeper who was signed from Plymouth Argyle in July. He was previously with Slough Town before joining Plymouth.

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For years we have had to put up with Victorian conditions, and at last it looks as if the club is making the breakthrough.

Many fans realise the difficulty of providing success on the field and also having to find money to improve facilities.

Here's hoping everything goes well on and off the field! - J. B. Chorley Old Road.

I was very pleased to see that the Wanderers are organising a Junior Whites club with Nat Lofhouse in charge.

This is an excellent move in my opinion, because I understand Manchester City did the same sort of thing with great success.

Nowadays, there does not seem to be as many youth clubs and other organisations to keep the children off the streets, so I hope the Junior Whites not only performs this worthwhile function, but also pulls in a lot of new supporters for the team.

— JEFF SOUTHERN, Halliwell Road.

● Thanks for your good wishes in this venture.



Agony or ecstasy? Neil McNab sinks to his knees at Coventry.

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Neil McNab bursts past a defender at Coventry.



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Manchester Utd.	27	15	7	5	52	26	37
Manchester City	27	16	5	6	46	28	37
Stoke City	26	15	6	5	44	32	36
West Brom	30	13	9	8	56	35	35
Notts Forest	25	14	4	7	53	31	32
Coventry City	30	13	6	11	65	60	32
Wolves	26	11	8	7	49	26	30
Leeds United	28	9	12	7	33	31	30
Aston Villa	26	13	4	9	49	30	30
Derby County	27	11	6	10	46	41	28
Newcastle Utd.	28	11	6	11	37	45	28
Everton	26	11	5	10	26	28	27
Burnley	27	10	4	13	26	37	24
BOLTON WANDS	28	8	8	12	43	56	24
Sheff. Utd.	28	9	6	13	37	58	24
Huddersfield T.	26	7	6	13	30	44	20
Blackburn Rovers	26	5	9	12	36	47	19
Sheff. Wed.	26	7	5	14	38	51	19
Blackpool	26	6	3	17	24	47	15
Bury	26	4	3	19	34	70	11
Preston N. E.	27	2	4	21	28	77	8

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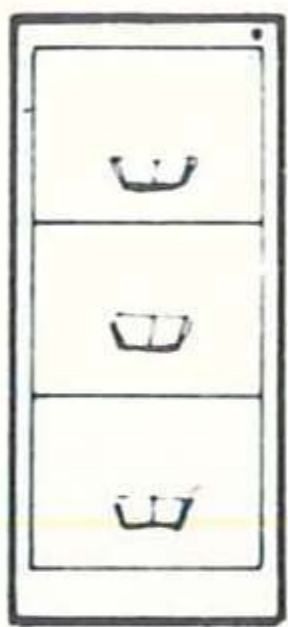


Spotlight on...



CHRIS THOMPSON

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Previous Clubs:	None.
Signed for Wanderers:	In 1976 as apprentice and July 1977 as full pro.
Debut Against:	Peterborough (League Cup)
Memorable Moment:	Playing for England's youth team in Las Palmas.
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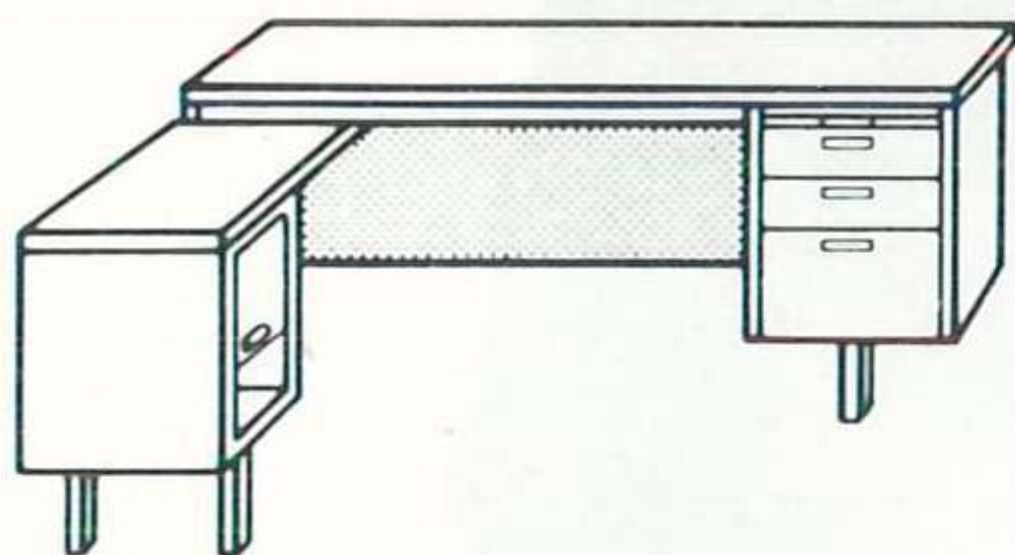
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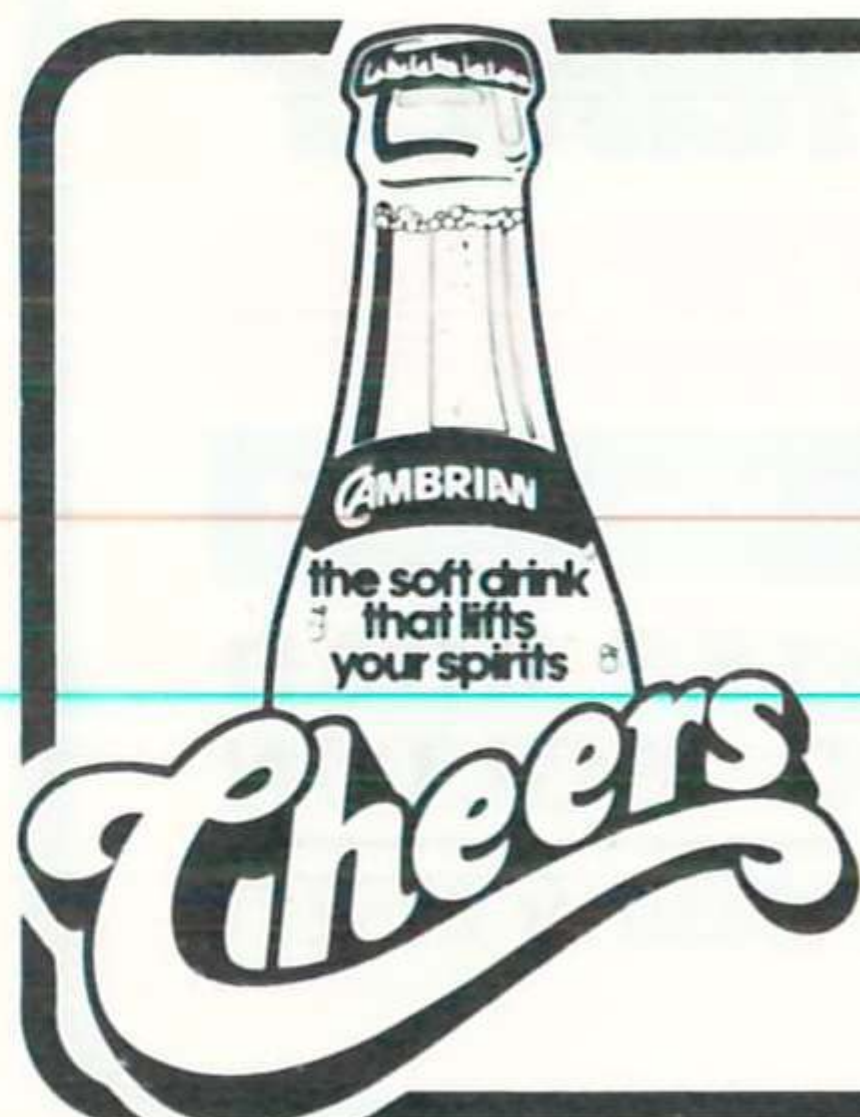
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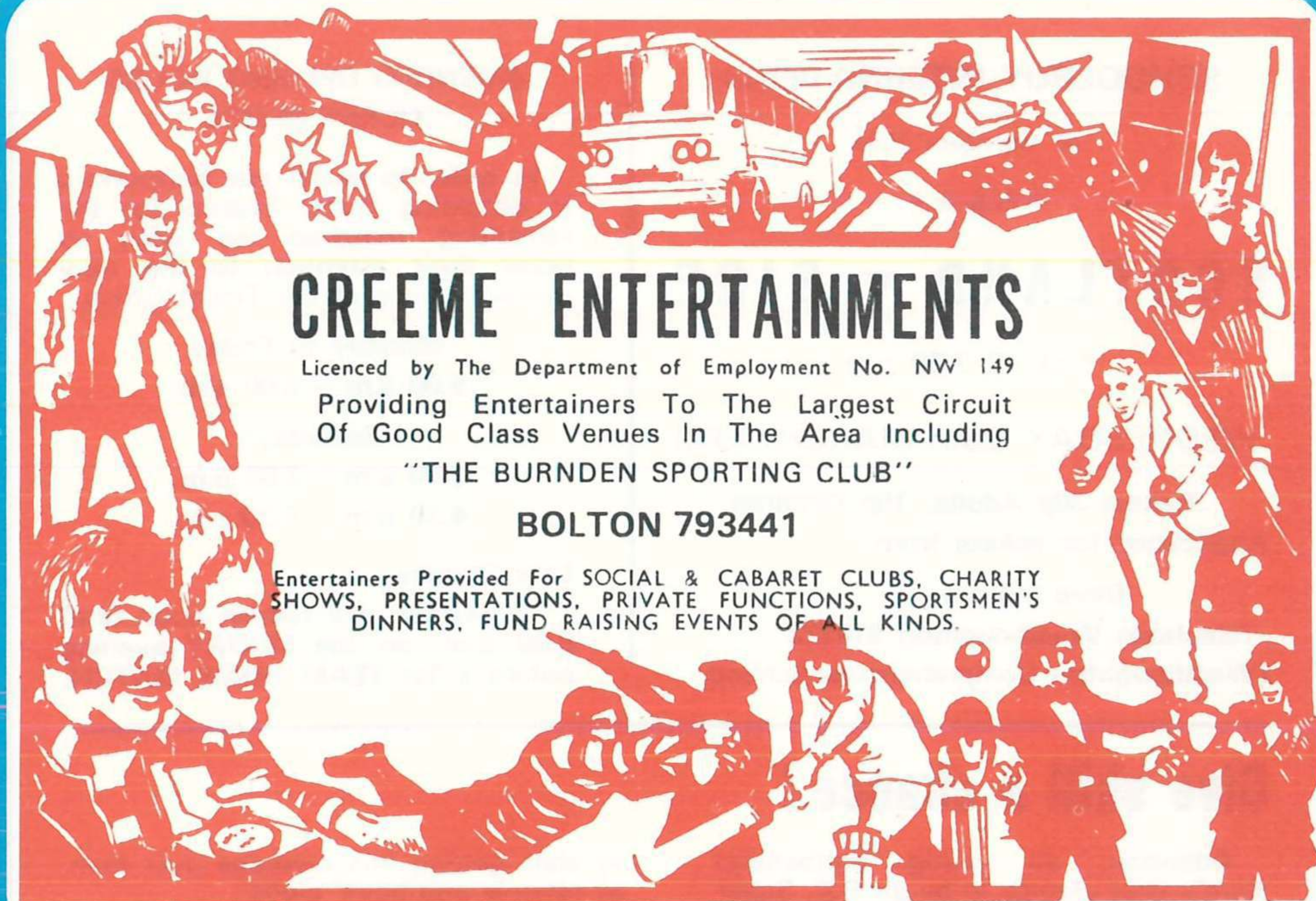
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		Score	Attendance	McDonagh	Nicholson	Walsh	Greaves	P. Jones	Allardice	Morgan	Whatmore	Gowling	Worthington	Train	Dunne	Reid	Graham	Burke	G. Jones	C. Thompson	Smith	Poole	McNab	GOALSCORERS
Aug.	19	BRISTOL CITY	1-2	21,355	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12								Gowling
"	22	Southampton	2-2	21,059	1	2	5	4	12*	6	7	8	9	10	11	3*								Worthington (2)
"	26	West Brom A.	0-4	23,237	1		5	4	2*	6	7	8	9	10	11	3			12*					
"	29	CHELSEA (LC2)	2-1	10,449	1		5	4		6	7	8	9	10	11		2	3		12				Worthington (2) [1 penalty]
Sept.	2	BIRMINGHAM CITY	2-2	20,234	1		5	4		6	7	8	9	10	11	12								Worthington (2) [1 penalty]
"	9	DERBY COUNTY	2-1	20,331	1	2	5	4			7	8	9	10	11*	3		6			12*			Gowling (2)
"	16	Arsenal	0-1	31,024	1	2	5	4	6		7	8	9	10		12		3						
"	23	NORWICH CITY	3-2	19,901	1	2	5*	4	6	12*	7	8	9	10										Worthington (2) Whatmore
"	30	Liverpool	0-3	47,099	1	2	5	4	6		7	8	9	10	12									
Oct.	4	Exeter (LC3)	1-2	9,151			5	4		6	7	8	9	10			12*	2*	3		11			Gowling
"	7	LEEDS UNITED	3-1	27,751	1		5	4	2	6	7		9*	10		12*	8							Morgan, Smith, Worthington
"	14	Chelsea	3-4	19,879	1		5	4	2	6	7	12*	9*	10										Gowling (2) Worthington [1 penalty]
"	21	MANCHESTER CITY	2-2	32,249	1	2	5	4		6	7		9	10		12	8							Gowling, Worthington
"	28	Tottenham H.	0-2	37,337	1	2	5	4		6	7		9	10		12	8							
Nov.	4	COVENTRY CITY	0-0	22,379	1	2	5	4	6		7*			10		3	8						11	
"	11	Bristol City	1-4	18,168	1	2	5	4			7	12*	9	10		3*	8							Walsh
"	18	WEST BROM. A.	0-1	22,278	1	2	6	4	5		7	12	9	10			3							
"	21	Birmingham City	0-3	21,643	1	2	6	4	5		7	12*	9	10			3							
"	25	NOTTINGHAM F. (1)	0-1	25,692	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	12*	9	10										
Dec.	2	Queens Park R.	3-1	11,635	1	2	6	4	5		7		9	10		3	8							Gowling, Worthington (2)
"	9	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	3-1	21,006	1	2	6	4	5		7		9	10		3	8			12				Greaves, Gowling, Worthington [1 penalty]
"	13	LEAGUE CUP 5																						
"	16	Ipswich Town (2)	0-3	16,953	1	2	6	4	5		7		9	10		3	8							
"	22	MANCHESTER U.	3-0	32,390	1	2	6	4	5		7	12	9	10		3	8							Worthington (2), Gowling
"	26	Middlesbrough	1-1	20,125	1	2	6	4	5		7		9	10		3	8							Worthington
Jan.	9	Bristol City (FA3)	1-3	16,896	1	2	6	4	5		7		9	10		3					8			Smith
Feb.	3	Norwich City	0-0	15,369	1	2	6	4	5		7	9		10		3	12	8						
"	10	LIVERPOOL	POSTPONED																					
"	17	Leeds United (5)	POSTPONED																					
"	24	CHELSEA	2-1	19,457	1	2	6	4	5		7		9	10		3								Burke, McNab
Mar.	3	Manchester City	1-2	41,127	1	2	6	4	5		7	12*	9	10		3	8*							Worthington
"	7	Aston Villa	0-3	28,053	1	2	6	4	5		7	12*	9	10		3	8*							
"	17	Coventry C. (LCF)	2-2	15,231	1	2	6	4	5	8	7		9	10		3*	12*							Worthington, McNab
"	21	Derby County	0-3	15,227	1	2	6	4	5	8	7	12*	9	10			3							
"	24	SOUTHAMPTON																						
"	26	ARSENAL																						
"	31	Nottingham F. (SF)																						
Apr.	3	EVERTON																						
"	7	QUEENS PARK R.																						
"	11	Manchester U.																						
"	14	MIDDLESBROUGH																						
"	16	Everton																						
"	21	IPSWICH TOWN																						
"	25	Leeds																						
"	28	Wolverhampton W.																						
May.	1	LIVERPOOL																						
"	5	ASTON VILLA																						

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	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Liverpool	29	13	2	0	38	4	7	4	3	23	7 46
Everton	31	10	5	1	25	10	5	7	3	18	17 42
West Brom.	26	7	3	2	25	10	9	3	2	28	15 38
Arsenal	30	9	5	2	28	13	6	3	5	19	14 38
Leeds	30	7	3	4	28	15	7	7	2	26	20 38
Nottingham Forest	26	6	6	0	15	7	5	7	2	16	11 35
Coventry	32	8	6	3	30	26	3	5	7	11	26 33
Aston Villa	27	5	6	2	19	13	5	5	4	16	11 31
Manchester United	28	6	4	4	19	19	6	3	5	24	28 31
Tottenham H.	29	6	4	5	14	20	4	6	4	17	23 30
Ipswich	30	7	4	6	25	18	5	2	6	14	18 30
Norwich	31	6	8	2	22	13	0	10	5	19	32 30
Southampton	28	8	5	2	26	12	2	4	7	8	20 29
Bristol City	32	7	5	4	26	17	3	4	9	10	23 29
Manchester City	28	4	4	6	20	22	4	6	4	20	14 26
Middlesbro.	30	6	3	5	24	16	3	4	9	18	25 25
Derby	30	7	4	5	22	19	2	2	10	11	32 24
Bolton	28	6	3	3	21	14	1	4	11	13	38 21
Wolves	29	6	2	6	15	21	2	2	11	11	30 20
Queens Park R.	31	3	7	6	16	23	2	3	10	14	26 20
Chelsea	30	2	3	9	14	29	2	4	10	16	33 15
Birmingham	29	4	4	6	18	18	0	1	14	7	27 13

* Positions before Saturday's games.

Burnden Dates
CENTRAL LEAGUE
SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1979
RESERVES v ASTON VILLA

kick-off 3 p.m.

FIRST DIVISION
TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1979
WANDERERS v EVERTON
kick-off 7-30 p.m.

Central League Fixtures
for the 1978-79 Season

		F	A	Pts.
Aug. 19	Stoke City	0	1	0
" 22	PRESTON	3	0	2
" 26	NEWCASTLE U.	0	3	2
" 30				
Sept. 2	West Brom A.	0	6	2
" 16	DERBY COUNTY	1	1	3
" 19	Wolves	1	5	3
" 23	Blackpool	4	0	5
" 26	Burnley	0	2	5
" 30	LIVERPOOL	2	5	5
Oct. 4				
" 7	Blackburn Rovers	0	2	5
" 14	LEEDS UNITED	1	1	6
" 21	Man City	1	1	7
" 28	SHEFF. WED.	2	1	9
Nov. 4	Coventry City	6	5	11
" 8				
" 11	STOKE CITY	2	2	12
" 18	Newcastle Utd.	1	3	12
" 25	Aston Villa	3	1	14
Dec. 9	Nottingham F.		Postponed	
" 13				
" 16	EVERTON	0	0	15
" 26	SHEFF. UTD.	0	0	15
" 30	MAN. UTD.	3	0	17
Feb. 10	Liverpool	0	3	17
" 17	BLACKBURN		Postponed	
" 24	Leeds United	1	0	19
" 28	BURY	3	1	21
Mar. 3	MAN CI.Y	1	1	21
" 6	Huddersfield Town	0	1	21
" 10	Sheffield Wed.	3	3	22
" 14	WEST BROM	1	1	23
" 17	COVENTRY CITY	4	6	23
" 21	BLACKPOOL	1	1	23
" 24	PRESTON			
" 31	ASTON VILLA			
Apr. 4	Derby County			
" 7	Bury			
" 10	BURNLEY			
" 14	Sheffield Utd.			
" 16	WOLVES			
" 18	BLACKBURN			
" 21	Everton			
" 24	HUDDERSFIELD			
" 28	NOTTS. F.			
May 5	Manchester U.			
" 12				

team check

WANDERERS

Shirts: White

Shorts: Blue

1. McDONAGH, Jim
2. NICHOLSON, Peter
3. BURKE, David
4. GREAVES, Roy
5. JONES, Paul
6. WALSH, Mike
7. MORGAN, Willie
8. ALLARDYCE, Sam
9. GOWLING, Alan
10. WORTHINGTON, Frank
11. McNAB, Neil

Sub:

ARSENAL

Shirts: Red

Shorts: White

1. JENNINGS, Pat
2. RICE, Pat
3. NELSON, Sammy
3. TALBOT, Brian
5. O'LEARY, David
6. YOUNG, Willie
7. BRADY, Liam
8. SUNDERLAND, Alan
9. STAPLETON, Frank
10. PRICE, David
11. RIX, Graham

Sub:

Referee

G. M. TYSON (Sunderland)

Red Flag

J. MAXSON (Ashton-u- Lyne)

Linesman

Yellow Flag

D. TWEATS (Poulton)

Tonight's match is sponsored by **WALKDEN AUTO CENTRE**

Sam Allardyce (No. 8) battles for the ball at Coventry.



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